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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ott's Outings.

Ott, July 11.—Our vicinity has been visited by a great deal of rain for the past two weeks. Farmers are complaining of wet weather and grass.

Shipping melons is the order of the day. Several carloads are shipped from our little burg every day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Dennis and Mr. W. S. Dennis, of Kingstree, motored to Bamberg for the fourth of July. Messrs. L. S. and W. S. Dennis returned on the 6th. Mrs. Dennis stayed over to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Odom.

Mrs. C. E. Sandifer has returned after a two weeks' visit to her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Griffith, of Cottageville.

Miss Mazie Smith, of Charleston, is visiting Misses Eva and Lila McCue.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Matheny, of Bamberg, spent the week-end at Mrs. Matheny's parents', Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sandifer.

Mrs. Florrie Free, of Blackville, visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. D. Odom, last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dennis, Mr. Willie Dennis, Mrs. L. D. Odom and little daughter, and Louis Bunch, motored to Blackville and Barnwell last Tuesday, on a pleasure trip.

NITRATE WORTH \$1,000,000.

German Vessel's Cargo Grew in Value While Waiting.

New York, July 7.—The German sailing ship Indra began to discharge here today a cargo of nitrate from Chile, valued at \$1,000,000. When she arrived here bringing the cargo in September, 1914, it was worth only \$125,000, but the demand for the chemical for the manufacture of explosives has greatly increased its price since then. The result is that while lying in this port for nearly two years the value of the cargo has increased to \$875,000.

The Indra was bound from a Chilean port to Dunkirk, France, when the European war began. The captain headed for New York on learning that war was declared. Consignees of the cargo began litigation to compel him to carry it to Dunkirk, but he declined to take his ship to sea, where she might be captured by British or French warships.

LOSS FOR PENSACOLA.

Storm Damage There Estimated at \$250,000.

Pensacola, Fla., July 8.—Damage estimated at \$250,000 resulted from the hurricane that struck Pensacola Wednesday morning and continued for 24 hours. The wind attained a sustained velocity of 104 miles an hour but no lives were lost and the damage is considered remarkably light in view of such high wind.

The Pensacola fishing fleet suffered greatest damage. Several of the little vessels were sunk or badly battered. Other vessels in port were driven ashore. The steamers Alcina and John M. Keen appeared to be hard aground tonight and it may be necessary to remove their ballast to float them. The power boat Santa Rosa, of the United States engineering corps was sunk.

Forty cadets of the Gulfport Military academy who were on their annual cruise were forced to spend Wednesday night in their vessels and were blown ashore Thursday morning. They all escaped serious injury.

Pensacola until tonight was cut off from the outside world without telegraph or telephone service and rail communication was limited to the road to Flomation. Tracks are washed out in other directions.

Safety Pin Taken From Infant.

Bowman, July 6.—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Evans, of this town, who swallowed a safety pin last week and was rushed by the attending physician, Dr. Black, to Columbia for treatment, was operated on yesterday and the pin taken out. Dr. Black stated last night that the operation was a successful one, revealing the fact upon its being removed, that it has been stationary ever since it entered the stomach. Several X-ray examinations were made indicating this, and the operation was not deferred any longer.

ELECT OFFICERS.

Bible Class Convention Brought to Close.

Sumter, July 5.—The fourth annual convention of the Wesley Bible Class Federation came to an end this afternoon at the close of a well attended and interesting meeting, at which several inspiring addresses were made. The nominating committee made its recommendations of officers for the ensuing year, which was unanimously adopted, and the resolutions committee offered resolutions thanking for their services those instrumental in making the meeting a success.

The officers named for the ensuing year are: President, C. P. Hammond, Spartanburg; vice president, Vance Brabham, Orangeburg; secretary, F. D. Knight, Sumter; treasurer, O. M. Heard, Anderson; executive committee: Anderson district, Sam L. Prince; Charleston, W. W. Smoak; Cokesbury, E. H. Bowers; Florence, J. F. Dudley; Greenville, E. C. Dye; Kingstree, O. M. Mitchell; Marion, T. C. Easterling; Orangeburg, John S. Bowman; Spartanburg, L. L. Wagon; Sumter, R. D. Epps; Rock Hill, J. H. Glenn.

Anderson, Greenville, Columbia and Orangeburg have asked for the meeting next year and the executive committee will announce their decision of the place at some later date. At the morning session Charlton DuRant, the retiring president, presented the new president to the association, who made a few remarks of appreciation of the honor bestowed upon him.

The meeting was opened with prayer and song service, after which several addresses were made. The speakers this morning were: "The Wesley Bible Class and Missions," the Rev. R. E. Turnipseed and Thomas H. Tatum; "The Teacher," J. M. Way; "Reaching Men Through Wesley Bible Class Activities," M. V. Martin and the Rev. D. M. McLeod; "Educational Processes in Religious Work," the Rev. John W. Shackford; "The Significance of the Adult Awakening," Dr. Ralph W. Keeler; "Putting Energy Into the Wesley Bible Class Work," Dr. Charles D. Bulla. The attendance of visitors was not as large as was expected, but it was fairly good throughout the convention sessions.

TO TRAIN AT FORT MOULTRIE.

Mobilization Camps to Be Discontinued as Soon as Guards Leave.

New York, July 7.—Mobilization camps in most of the twenty-two States of the department of the east will be discontinued, it was announced tonight at divisional headquarters, Governor's island, as soon as the last National Guard organization called out by the president has departed for the border.

With the closing of the camps, recruits will be trained at army posts already designated, according to an order issued today by Major Gen. Leonard Wood.

It was found that the contemplated plan of maintaining the State camps for training recruits would enforce the absence of scores of regular army and National Guard officers from their border commands.

Among the army posts designated are: Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia—Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Florida and Alabama—Fort Barancas, Pensacola.

South Carolina—Fort Moultrie, Charleston.

Gen. Wood said tonight dependents of National Guardsmen have flooded him with letters and telegrams requesting him to discharge Guardsmen as a result of the recent war department order. He said he wished it emphasized that soldiers with dependents cannot be discharged by the commanding officer of the department until the request is first made by the soldier, with corroborative evidence.

DISCOVERY OF AMERICA.

Its Cost Said to Have Been Seven Thousand Dollars.

The discovery of America cost a little more than seven thousand dollars, says the American Boy. At least so say some documents that have just been found in the archives of Genoa. These documents give the value of Columbus's fleet as three thousand dollars. The great admiral was paid a salary of three hundred dollars a year, the two captains who accompanied him received a salary of two hundred dollars each, and the members of the crews were paid at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents a month each.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading.—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Ernest Evans, a negro convict, died last week after being on the Abbeville county chaingang only two days.

Brookland school district in Lexington county, on Thursday voted a bond issue of \$8,500 for the improvement of school facilities.

Miss Gertrude Clarice Damon, 14-year-old daughter of Capt. C. W. Damon, was drowned off Sullivan's Island, Charleston, Thursday.

"Dink" Wise, of St. Matthews, captured an alligator more than ten feet in length about four miles from that city on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Ralph Davenport, of Donalds, was run over by a train at that place last week, receiving injuries from which she died a short time later.

There were 28 criminal cases on the Oconee court of general sessions docket last week. Every defendant either plead guilty or was adjudged guilty by a jury.

The first load of tobacco of this year's crop in Clarendon county was placed in a warehouse in Manning last week. The tobacco market will open there about August 1.

WAR CLOUD PASSES.

Carranza Sends Conciliatory Note to United States.

Washington, July 5.—Early resumption of friendly diplomatic conversation with the de facto government of Mexico, to the end that peace and order may be restored in northern Mexico and along the border, is expected here to be the next step of the United States in its relations with its southern neighbor.

The crisis precipitated by Villa's raid on Columbus, N. M., and culminating in the fight at Carrizal between American and Mexican troops appeared tonight to have been dissipated by an amicable note from Gen. Carranza presented today by his ambassador designate here, Eliseo Arredondo.

The note proposes that the differences between the governments be settled by mediation or by direct negotiations. It is remarkable for its brevity, its restrained and friendly tone and for the absolute lack of any of the strong, even insolent, language which characterized the last two communications from the de facto government. It treats as a closed incident the exchange of unfriendly communications which brought war almost within sight.

For Wilson to Determine.

No formal comment on the note was obtainable from State department officials. A copy was forwarded to the white house immediately upon its receipt and President Wilson will determine the course to be

78 DEATHS ARE REPORTED

FLOOD AND STORM DEVASTATE LARGE AREA.

Alabama and Georgia Principal Sufferers.—Rivers and Streams Swollen Out of Banks.

Tornadoes and floods in Alabama, following the destructive tropical hurricane on the gulf Wednesday, had caused 78 known deaths Friday. In addition to crews of two schooners were believed to have been drowned off Ship island when their vessel foundered Wednesday. Property damage in Alabama and Mississippi will total more than four million dollars.

The known deaths: An engineer, killed when his train ran into a washout at Bond, Miss; a fireman killed; three negroes drowned in the flooded districts near Birmingham, while riding on improvised rafts; two negroes drowned when a small boat foundered on the Warrior river, near Tuscaloosa.

Reports from Gulfport, Miss, say the American schooner Mary G. Dantzer, the Norwegian schooner Anezia and an unidentified two-masted vessel were lost off Ship island Wednesday. The Anezia's crew was rescued, but no trace was found of the others. Each ship carried twelve men.

Gulfport also reported the four-masted American barkentine John W. Myers and the pilot boat E. E. Barry beached on Ship island. A lumber barge was reported sunk.

Rescued by Boats.

Valley creek, near Birmingham, overflowed after a rainfall of more than ten inches in forty-eight hours. Street railway and railroad traffic was demoralized. Boats were used to bring marooned persons from their homes in the lowlands. The city fire department was called on for rescue work.

The Autauga creek overflowed into the streets of Prattville, Ala., flooding many stores.

Late reports from Beloit, Ala., where seventeen negroes were reported killed in Wednesday's storm, definitely establish that there were no lives lost, though thirteen persons were injured.

The river packer, M. Carnet, crashed into a lock on the Warrior river, near Tuscaloosa, and sank. The crew escaped.

A Selma, Ala., dispatch that four persons were killed in Mobile Wednesday lacks confirmation.

Crime Decrease in Columbia.

Columbia, July 9.—Decided reductions in law breaking are to be observed in the report of Chief of Police Richardson for June, 1916, when contrasted with a similar report filed with the city council for the corresponding month one year ago. The report of the month just closed shows that only 418 men were tried in the recorder's court against 728 for June, 1915. Of the number tried one year ago 86 were sent to the chaingang against 28 for the same month this year. The number of calls for the police by citizens was cut down from 273 to 140. Of the 728 men and women, both white and black, to be tried, only 31 were charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct with 14 arrests for violation of liquor laws.

Dozen "Do's" for Youths.

A dozen "Do's" for church-going folk have been prepared by the Rev. C. L. Peck, of Cleveland.

Here are his "Do's" for young men:

Demand a strict account of the little things in life.

Build your fortune in good manners.

Tact and commonsense are the secret of a successful life.

Have grit and pluck.

Live within your means. Extravagance is the road to failure.

Seek first the kingdom of Heaven and make a Christian life your foundation.

Be on time.

Always wear a smile in the home, office or factory. You must take your joy to heaven with you, for you will not find it there.

Be prepared for your jobs.

Have respect for honesty.—Cleveland Press.

Arredondo plans to call at the department tomorrow to say good-bye to Secretary Lansing before the latter's departure for his vacation. Probably the preliminary steps necessary for the inauguration of the informal discussion will be taken then.

LADEN SUBMARINE ARRIVES.

First Undersea Merchantman is Now at Baltimore.

Baltimore, July 9.—The world's first submarine merchantman, the German underwater liner Deutschland, anchored below Baltimore tonight, after coming safely across the Atlantic, passing the allied blockading squadrons and eluding enemy cruisers watching for her off the American coast. She carries mail and a cargo of 750 tons of costly chemicals, and dyestuffs and is to carry back home a similar amount of nickel and crude rubber, sorely needed by the German army.

Sixteen days out from Bremerhaven to Baltimore, the submarine reached the Virginia Capes at 1:45 o'clock this morning, passing in on the surface, covered by darkness which settled over the entrance of the bay with the setting of the moon. Once inside the visitor threw caution aside and began shrieking his siren, signalling a pilot and at the same time attracting the attention of the tug Thomas F. Timmons, which had been waiting in the lower bay for nearly two weeks to greet the Deutschland and convoy her into port.

German Flag Flying.

Three hours later the big submarine started up the bay with the German merchant flag flying, under her own power, piloted by Capt. Frederick D. Cocks, of the Virginia Pilots' association, and convoyed by the Timmons. She was making more than twelve knots an hour and could have docked in Baltimore tonight, but arrangements had been made for receiving her with formal ceremonies tomorrow and her captain was ordered to wait in the lower harbor. He and his crew of twenty-nine men remained aboard their craft.

Regarding his vessel as a merchantman, subject to no unusual restrictions, the skipper, whose name is said to be Capt. Kairig, went up the Chesapeake without waiting to notify local customs and quarantine authorities of his presence. He was five hours away before Norman Hamilton, collector of Norfolk and Newport News, heard the news, and started on the trail on board the coast guard cutter Onondaga. At last reports the Onondaga had not reached the submarine, and it is understood that she merely was ordered to keep the strange craft under surveillance as a neutrality precaution. Quarantine port regulations will be complied with when the vessel moves up to her dock tomorrow.

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Report of Great Religious Organization for 1915 Very Encouraging.

The recent observance of the centennial of the American Bible society lends especial interest to its report for 1915, shortly to appear. This report will show that 2,500,000 copies of Bibles or parts of Bibles, were distributed last year in China alone.

Concerning these there is an interesting story to relate. A Chinese philanthropist, Yung Tao, purchased 5,000 New Testaments to give to friends. These were distributed last year. Each book contains a presentation slip bearing these words: "Respectfully presented by Yung Tao, who is not a church member." Another slip contains some excellent advice to the reader, and then several well chosen quotations from the Bible.

The agent of the Bible society called on Mr. Yung at his home in Peking, and Mr. Yung returned the call at the Bible house. The agent records his judgment that Mr. Yung is a humble follower of Jesus Christ, fully imbued with His spirit, though not a church member. Mr. Yung told the agent:

"I have only just started on my work of Bible distribution. I intend to put copies in every school in the whole of China and into the hands of every teacher and official."

At the same time the society's agent reports that owing partly to war conditions, but principally because the appropriations have been reduced, he has been obliged for the present actually to stop printing books and will soon have to stop the distribution of the books already printed in some parts of the country. The stock of Scriptures has been nearly sold out.

The Bible society thought it a significant and touching fact that one missionary in China who is personally far from rich sent in a centennial gift of \$144 in gold to New York. Officers of the society hinted that there could be no better example set for Christians in America interested in the Bible society's work.

BUY AT HOME.

When you want to help your town,
Buy at home!

When you want shoes, hat or gown,
Buy at home!

Never mind what 'tis you need,
Canned goods, collars, chicken feed;
Frame this phrase up for your creed:
Buy at home!

Other folks may buy by mail,
You buy at home!

Help the home store to a sale,
Buy at home!

Every dollar sent away
Means a dollar less to pay
What is owed right here today.
Buy at home!

Are you for your town or not?
Buy at home!

Cheaper elsewhere? Tommyrot!
Buy at home!

Home store qualities are true.
Home store merchants work for you.
This much, then, you ought to do:
Buy at home!

—FRANK FARRINGTON.

The Second regiment band of Orangeburg, visited several towns in the lower section of the State last week for the purpose of inducing interest in enlistment into the National Guard.

The annual meeting of the South Carolina Farmers' union is to be held in Columbia on Wednesday, July 26. Dr. H. Q. Alexander, president of the Farmers' union of North Carolina, will be one of the speakers of the occasion.

Senator W. H. Earle, of Greenville, county, has accepted a challenge sent by Solicitor P. A. Bonham, a candidate for the senate in that county, to meet him in a series of debates on local issues to be held in various sections of the county. The race for the senate in Greenville county this year, it is said, will be the warmest in years.

JOKE TURNED ON THE JOKER.

Connecticut Postal Employee Lost Job by Being Funny.

Linus A. Hill, for seven years a clerk in the postoffice at Wallingford, seven months ago sent a letter to a town official directing attention to the fact that the "town clock was on a strike."

Hill inserted the joke in a franked envelope. The recipient took up the matter with the postoffice department at Washington, with the result that Hill has been dismissed.—Winsted, Conn., dispatch to New York World.

pursued. The fact that Secretary Lansing completed preparations today for a month's vacation to begin Friday, is regarded as significant, however, of a feeling on his part that the crisis is over.

As a matter of general principle the Washington government always has favored mediation of any disputes suitable for such procedure.

There is every indication, however, that in the present instance it will be deemed desirable to conduct forthcoming negotiations directly with the Carranza government.

Members of the Latin-American diplomatic corps here are expected to make inquiry soon as to the attitude of the Washington government, in view of the statement of the Mexican foreign office that it awaits only a decision here as to whether mediation or direct negotiations would be preferable. Indications tonight were that the inquiries would be met with assurances that the two governments had reached the stage where they would not find it necessary to call upon the friendly services of their neighbor States.

Important Conferences.

It is not known whether a formal reply to Gen. Carranza's note is contemplated. Many officials feel that more can be accomplished through informal discussion between Mr. Arredondo and Counsellor Polk, who will act as secretary in Mr. Lansing's absence, than could be hoped for in any other way. It is understood Mr.